

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Listing of Claims

1-25. (Canceled).

26. (Currently Amended) ~~The method according to claim 22,~~
wherein A method of transmitting data in a wireless communication
system from a transmitter to a receiver, the method comprising:

modulating data at the transmitter using a first modulation
scheme to obtain a first data symbol, the first modulation scheme
being a higher order modulation scheme and data bits mapped onto
data symbols have different bit reliabilities depending on the
chosen modulation scheme;

transmitting the first data symbol to the receiver over a
first diversity branch;

modulating said data at the transmitter using a second
modulation scheme to obtain a second data symbol;

transmitting the second data symbol to the receiver over a
second diversity branch;

demodulating the received first and second data symbols at
the receiver using first and second demodulation schemes

corresponding to the first and second modulation schemes,
respectively; and

diversity combining the demodulated data, wherein:

the first and second modulation schemes for the first and
second diversity branches are selected such that after diversity
combining the data bits of the demodulated data, the differences
among the combined bit reliabilities are reduced, and

the data for transmission is modulated using a single
redundancy version scheme with an identical data bit sequence.

27. (Currently Amended) ~~The method according to claim 22,~~
wherein A method of transmitting data in a wireless
communication system from a transmitter to a receiver, the method
comprising:

modulating data at the transmitter using a first modulation
scheme to obtain a first data symbol, the first modulation scheme
being a higher order modulation scheme and data bits mapped onto
data symbols have different bit reliabilities depending on the
chosen modulation scheme;

transmitting the first data symbol to the receiver over a
first diversity branch;

modulating said data at the transmitter using a second
modulation scheme to obtain a second data symbol;

transmitting the second data symbol to the receiver over a second diversity branch;

demodulating the received first and second data symbols at the receiver using first and second demodulation schemes corresponding to the first and second modulation schemes, respectively; and

diversity combining the demodulated data, wherein:

the first and second modulation schemes for the first and second diversity branches are selected such that after diversity combining the data bits of the demodulated data, the differences among the combined bit reliabilities are reduced, and

the data for transmission is modulated using a multiple redundancy version scheme of partly identical bits.

28. (Currently Amended) ~~The method according to claim 22,~~
wherein A method of transmitting data in a wireless communication system from a transmitter to a receiver, the method comprising:

modulating data at the transmitter using a first modulation scheme to obtain a first data symbol, the first modulation scheme being a higher order modulation scheme and data bits mapped onto data symbols have different bit reliabilities depending on the chosen modulation scheme;

transmitting the first data symbol to the receiver over a first diversity branch;

modulating said data at the transmitter using a second modulation scheme to obtain a second data symbol;

transmitting the second data symbol to the receiver over a second diversity branch;

demodulating the received first and second data symbols at the receiver using first and second demodulation schemes corresponding to the first and second modulation schemes, respectively; and

diversity combining the demodulated data, wherein:

the first and second modulation schemes for the first and second diversity branches are selected such that after diversity combining the data bits of the demodulated data, the differences among the combined bit reliabilities are reduced, and

first and second signal constellation patterns defining the first and second modulation schemes are pre-stored in a memory table.

29. (Currently Amended) ~~The method according to claim 28 A~~
method of transmitting data in a wireless communication system from a transmitter to a receiver, the method comprising:

modulating data at the transmitter using a first modulation scheme to obtain a first data symbol, the first modulation scheme

being a higher order modulation scheme and data bits mapped onto data symbols have different bit reliabilities depending on the chosen modulation scheme;

transmitting the first data symbol to the receiver over a first diversity branch;

modulating said data at the transmitter using a second modulation scheme to obtain a second data symbol;

transmitting the second data symbol to the receiver over a second diversity branch;

demodulating the received first and second data symbols at the receiver using first and second demodulation schemes corresponding to the first and second modulation schemes, respectively; and

diversity combining the demodulated data, wherein:

the first and second modulation schemes for the first and second diversity branches are selected such that after diversity combining the data bits of the demodulated data, the differences among the combined bit reliabilities are reduced,

wherein the first and second signal constellation patterns are signaled to the receiver.

30. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 28 or 29, wherein the properties of the first and second signal constellation patterns are obtained by:

(a) interleaving the positions of the bits mapped onto the signal constellation patterns, or

(b) inverting the bit values of the bits mapped onto the signal constellation patterns.

31. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 30, wherein the interleaving is performed with symbols resulting in an intra-symbol interleaving.

32. (Currently Amended) ~~The method according to claim 22~~
wherein A method of transmitting data in a wireless
communication system from a transmitter to a receiver, the method
comprising:

modulating data at the transmitter using a first modulation
scheme to obtain a first data symbol, the first modulation scheme
being a higher order modulation scheme and data bits mapped onto
data symbols have different bit reliabilities depending on the
chosen modulation scheme;

transmitting the first data symbol to the receiver over a
first diversity branch;

modulating said data at the transmitter using a second
modulation scheme to obtain a second data symbol;

transmitting the second data symbol to the receiver over a second diversity branch;

demodulating the received first and second data symbols at the receiver using first and second demodulation schemes corresponding to the first and second modulation schemes, respectively; and

diversity combining the demodulated data, wherein:

the first and second modulation schemes for the first and second diversity branches are selected such that after diversity combining the data bits of the demodulated data, the differences among the combined bit reliabilities are reduced, and

the data is transmitted with a plurality of redundancy versions, and the transmitted bits comprise systematic and parity bits and the systematic bits are included in each redundancy version.

33. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 32, wherein the combined mean bit reliabilities for the systematic bits are higher than that of the parity bits.

34-35. (Canceled).

36. (Currently Amended) ~~The transmitter according to claim 35, further comprising~~ A transmitter for transmitting data in a wireless communication system to a receiver, the transmitter comprising:

a table component that pre-stores first and second signal constellation patterns defining first and second modulation schemes;

a mapping unit that modulates data using the first modulation scheme to obtain a first data symbol, the first modulation scheme being a higher order modulation scheme and data bits mapped onto data symbols have different bit reliabilities depending on the chosen modulation scheme;

a transmitting unit that transmits the first data symbol to the receiver using a first diversity branch;

said mapping unit modulates said data using the second modulation scheme to obtain a second data symbol; and

said transmitting unit transmits the second data symbol to the receiver using a second diversity branch, wherein:

the first and second modulation schemes for the first and second diversity branches are selected such that after diversity combining demodulated data bits of the first and second data symbols received by the receiver, the differences among the diversity combined bit reliabilities are reduced

said transmitter further comprising one of an interleaver or
and an inverter to obtain different signal constellation
patterns.

37-40. (Canceled).

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